

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The non-final Office Action dated March 3, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicants kindly acknowledge the allowance of claims 19-30.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note the Office Action has identified claims 1-30 as pending in the application. However, thirty-two (32) claims were filed in the original application and no claims have been cancelled or added to date. Therefore, Applicants submit claims 1-32 are currently pending in the application. Further, Applicants presume the allowed claims include claims 31 and 32, such that the allowed claims are 19-32. Correction of the claim count and indication of allowed claims are requested.

By this Response, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and objection based upon the above amendments and the following remarks are requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 10 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,531,392, issued to Song et al. (hereafter "Song"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,524,876, issued to Baek et al. (hereafter "Baek"), further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,612,565, issued to Kusumoto. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because neither Song, Baek nor Kusumoto, analyzed alone or in any combination, teaches or suggests the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. For example, Song, Baek and Kusumoto fail to teach or suggest a liquid crystal display panel that includes, among other features, "a drain electrode formed on the ohmic contact film, the drain electrode having a variation in width in a portion that overlaps one of the plurality of gate electrodes," as recited in independent claim 1.

Applicants note the Office Action relies upon the teachings of Baek and Kusumoto to remedy the deficiencies of Song. However, neither Baek nor Kusumoto teach at least the above features of claim 1. As such, Baek and Kusumoto fail to remedy the deficiencies of Song. And, even if the disclosure in Song was modified by the teachings in Baek and Kusumoto, which Applicants do not concede there is motivation to do, the modified device would not have the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. Specifically, the combination would fail to teach or suggest a liquid crystal display panel having "a drain electrode formed on the ohmic contact film, the drain electrode having a variation in width in a portion that overlaps

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one of the plurality of gate electrodes," as recited in independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims 1, 10 and 13-18 are allowable over Song, Baek and Kusumoto.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 2-9, 11 and 12 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants elect not to rewrite these claims at this time to permit the Examiner an opportunity to consider the amendment and arguments presented in this Response.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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